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SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND-SAN JOSE AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: JANUARY 2004 GROCERY PRICES DECLINE, WHILE ENERGY AND SHELTER PRICES RISE

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area grocery prices, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) food at home index, declined 0.4 percent for the month. However, compared to one year ago, grocery prices were 8.5 percent higher. Acting Regional Commissioner Nancy Treadwell of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said that the food at home index now stands at 204.8. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area need to spend \$204.80 today for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84. Local area CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.

The special aggregate index for energy rose 1.6 percent in January, and measured 1.0 percent more than one year ago. Gasoline prices advanced 2.2 percent over the month. However, San Francisco prices are still 2.4 percent lower than one year earlier. The household fuels index increased 0.9 percent for the month, and was up 4.8 percent over the year. Within household fuels, prices for electricity were unchanged for the month, but were 0.4 percent lower than in January 2003. The utility natural gas service index increased 2.7 percent in January, and advanced 15.0 percent compared to a year ago.

The shelter index increased 0.3 percent over the month, but during the past 12 months decreased 0.2 percent. In the month of January, rent of primary residence and owners' equivalent rent of primary residence declined 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. Also included in shelter, but not part of the publication structure, are price data collected for lodging away from home.

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose¹, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Expenditure category						
All items	-	195.3	-	-	-	-
All items (1967=100)	-	600.5	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	197.1	-	-	-	-
Food	-	197.5	-	-	-	-
Food at home	202.8	205.7	204.8	8.5	1.0	-0.4
Food away from home	-	187.9	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	-	197.7	-	-	-	-
Housing	-	222.2	-	-	-	-
Shelter	254.5	252.6	253.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.3
Rent of primary residence ²	262.2	263.0	262.5	-0.6	0.1	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	273.7	273.7	272.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Fuels and utilities	-	197.0	-	-	-	-
Fuels	197.0	200.1	201.9	4.8	2.5	0.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	196.9	199.9	202.2	4.8	2.7	1.2
Electricity ²	213.3	213.3	213.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Utility natural gas service ²	185.4	193.8	199.0	15.0	7.3	2.7
Household furnishings and operations	-	124.7	-	-	-	-
Apparel	-	100.1	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	139.5	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	-	132.1	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	131.4	126.0	128.5	-2.1	-2.2	2.0
Gasoline (all types)	130.9	125.3	128.0	-2.4	-2.2	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	129.2	123.4	126.3	-1.9	-2.2	2.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	124.1	119.1	121.6	-2.9	-2.0	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	129.1	124.2	125.8	-3.3	-2.6	1.3
Medical care	-	279.7	-	-	-	-
Recreation ⁶	-	96.2	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ⁶	-	114.3	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	-	324.0	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose¹, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (Continued)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Commodity and service group						
All items	-	195.3	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	149.7	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	121.5	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	-	132.7	-	-	-	-
Durables	-	108.7	-	-	-	-
Services	-	233.4	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	-	191.6	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	172.5	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	125.2	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	-	165.8	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	-	137.8	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter ³	-	219.7	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	230.1	-	-	-	-
Energy	156.7	154.3	156.7	1.0	0.0	1.6
All items less energy	-	200.6	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	201.7	-	-	-	-

¹ Includes - Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

³ Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.